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SUBJ: EC REGULATIONS ON PROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES AND
IMPORT DUTIES ON APPLES, PEARS AND DRIED PRUNES

REFS: (A) STATE 232029; (B) STATE 216249

1. TEXT OF SENATE RESOLUTION AND US REQUEST THAT EC REFRAIN

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FROM IMPLEMENTING PRUNE IMPORT LICENSING SYSTEM ON JANUARY
1, 1978 WERE PASSED TO FONOFF AND MINAG PER REFTEL. AT SAME
TIME, REQUEST FOR SUSPENSION OF IMPORT TARIFF ON DRIED PRUNES
WAS SUBMITTED.

2. LARGEST DANISH IMPORTER OF DRIED PRUNES SUBMITTED REQUEST
ON SEPTEMBER 27 TO AUTHORITIES FOR SUSPENSION OF TARIFF AND

POSTPONEMENT OF LICENSING SYSTEM. REQUEST WAS COORDINATED WITH DANISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. AGATTACHE HAS ALSO DISCUSSED ISSUES INFORMALLY WITH MINAG REPRESENTATIVE ON EC-MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, WHO INDICATED POSTPONEMENT OF PRUNE LICENSING UNLIKELY AS IT IS INTEGRAL PART OF GLOBAL MEDITERRANEAN POLICY. WE BELIEVE MINAG SYMPATHETIC TO DUTY REDUCTION AND WE WILL PURSUE MATTER WITH CUSTOMS AND EXCISE OFFICIALS.

3. DANISH IMPORTERS' ASSOCIATION IS COORDINATING EFFORT TO REDUCE TARIFFS TEMPORARILY ON APPLES AND PEARS. AGATTACHE ALSO DISCUSSED MATTER WITH MINAG'S REPRESENTATIVE ON EC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE LAST WEEK. REPRESENTATIVE INDICATED MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WAS TO MEET YESTERDAY TO DISCUSS SUPPLY SITUATION WITHIN COMMUNITY AND POSSIBLE REQUEST TO TARIFF COMMITTEE FOR DUTY REDUCTION. HE INFORMED US TODAY THAT ITEM WAS CROSSED OFF AGENDA AS SILKIN HAD RAISED MATTER DURING AGMIN COUNCIL MEETING EARLY IN WEEK, AND THAT DECISION HAD BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT AGMIN MEETING. IN MEANTIME COMMISSION IS TO PREPARE BACK-GROUND MATERIAL.

4. ALTHOUGH DANISH APPLE CROP IS ABOVE NORMAL (20 PERCENT UP FROM LAST YEAR), MINAG INDICATED IT COULD BE WHOLLY OBJECTIVE IN DETERMINING NEED FOR DUTY REDUCTION AS PRODUCTION IS MINIMAL IN RELATION TO WHOLE EC CROP. IF COMMUNITY SUPPLY WARRANTS, MINAG WILL SUPPORT TARIFF REDUCTION ON APPLES. THEY DID NOT BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT PEAR CROP IS DOWN MATERIALLY

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IN EC AND DOUBT DUTY REDUCTION IS JUSTIFIED.
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